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Applicants : Gary S. Fanton et al.

Application No.: 10/782,489 Confirmation No.: 5632

Filed : February 18, 2004

For : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CLEARING
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INSTRUMENTS

Group Art Unit : 3763

Examiner : To Be Assigned

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment;
[] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Power of Attorney and Power
of Attorney; [] a Declaration; [] a Supplemental
Declaration; [X] formal drawings; to be filed in the above-
identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	-	* =	X \$ 9	= \$
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are sixteen (16) sheets of formal drawings to replace the originally filed drawings in the above-identified patent application.

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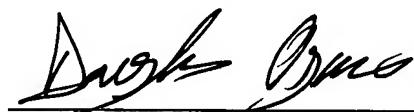
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